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Sweeping Rules To Safeguard Privacy Urged

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A group of House Republicans yesterday recommended sweeping guidelines to safeguard personal privacy, including a restriction on the use of Social Security numbers as a form of universal identification.

The GOP Task Force on Privacy, chaired by Rep. Barry M. Goldwater Jr. (R-Ariz.) said the Social Security number's "growing use as an identifier and filing number already is having a negative, dehumanizing effect upon many citizens."

The group recommended repeal on any executve orders allowing federal agencies to use Social Security numbers and passage of legislation setting guideline for use of such numbers, by others.